

**ABSTRACT**

The invention relates to a method for the optimizing the adjustment of the deformation geometry of a deformation tool (12) which is used to deform a sheet (10), especially sheet metal for a vehicle body. To this end, the sheet (10) is preformed by means of the deformation tool (12) to be adjusted, and at least one partial region deformation is then applied to the sheet meal (10) by means of a test tool (16) in order to correct the geometry of the sheet, and once the permissible sheet geometry is achieved, the geometry of the partial region deformation (14) is used to adjust the deformation geometry of the deformation tool (12).